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Petition

to

Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, D.,Litt., L.L.D. K.C. M.G.

President of University of Toronto,

for the conferring of the Degree of

Doctor of Music

on

Mr. Rhys Thomas,

Winnipeg,

Supported by -

Frederic B. Du Val, D.D. Pastor Emeritus,
Knox Church, Winnipeg.

George Bryce, D.D., L.L.D., Honarary Professor,
Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

Andrew B. Baird, D.D., Principal,
Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

A. Dawson, M.A., K.C., Judge, County Court, Winnipeg.

James A. MacLean, M.A., Ph.D., President,
University of Manitoba

Walter Murray, M.A., L.L.D., President,
University of Saskatchewan.

H. A. Robson, K.C., L.L.D., Ex.Judge,
Court of Appeal, Winnipeg.

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Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, D.Litt., L.L.D. K.C.M.G.,
President of University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

We, the undersigned, including a number of former Alumni of Toronto University, respectfully request you to bring our petition before the proper authorities of our "Alma Mater" to deal with an application of some importance as affecting Winnipeg and Western Canada.

The University of Toronto is one of the universities in Canada which confers the degree of Doctor of Music.

We present the claim for recognition for such degree of Mr. Rhys Thomas, as well known musical leader in Winnipeg.

Mr. Thomas was born at Ystradgynlais, Wales, on February 21st., 1967, and in childhood displayed considerable musical talent. At the age of Eighteen he was appointed choirmaster of Sardis Chapel, his mother church. A year later he won a scholarship at the Tonic Solfa College, London, where he studied singing, harmony, counterpoint, composition, elocution, acoustics, choral conducting and the art of teaching, gaining the highest certificates in these subjects, and prizes in ear-training and sight singing. At the end of his course he obtained the Fellowship, the highest diploma of the college. At this time he was only twenty-two years of age, the youngest who had obtained that distinction at that time. Later he studied composition for two years at the University College of Wales, Cardiff, under Dr. Joseph Parry.

On returning to his native town, where he was re-engaged as choirmaster of his mother church, he was also appointed teacher of music under the Glamorgan County Council, and his services as musical adjudicator at "eisteddfodau" (competition festivals) and conductor of psalmody festivals were in frequent demand throughout the Principality. During this period he won a large number of prizes for composition in various forms, including the prize for a memorial anthem at Cardiff National Eisteddfod in 1899. From 1897 to 1901 his name appeared frequently as co-adjudicator with such musicians as Sir Hubert Parry, Signor Alberto Randegger, Dr. David Evans, &c., and later with Dr. C. H. Perrin of Montreal, and Dr. A. Vogt, of Toronto.

Mr. Thomas, while on a visit to Winnipeg in the summer of 1900, was appointed to the leadership of the Choir of Knox Church, the mother Presbyterian Church in the City. This position he held for sixteen years. Soon after his arrival he established an oratorio society, which gave performances of the "Messiah" (six times) "Creation" "Judas Meccabaeus" "Samson", "Hymn of Praise", "Elijah", and "The Death of Minnehaha", and was the conductor of the local organization when Sir Alexander MacKenzie conducted a series of festivals in the Dominion in 1906.

On December 31, 1900, and January 1st., 1901, Mr. Thomas acted as chief adjudicator at the Bi-century Eisteddfod, at Columbus, Ohio. In 1907 he was engaged as co-adjudicator with Sir Frederic Cowen, and Dr. Walford Davies, at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, at Swansea.

In 1910 Mr. Thomas went to England for a course of special study in singing under Albert Visetti, the senior professor at the Royal College of Music, London, and in 1912 took a four months course in Berlin, Germany. During these periods his position as choirmaster at Knox Church was retained for him.

When the Province of Alberta established an Annual Competition Festival in 1908, Mr. Thomas was engaged as adjudicator, a position he has accupied on five subsequent occasions. He has also acted in a similar capacity three times at the Saskatchewan Festival.

In 1916, Mr. Thomas, by request, assisted in the revising of the new Book of Praise.

It is the opinion of the subscribers that the gentleman whose name is proposed may well stand beside such musical leaders as Dr. Fisher, Dr. Torrington, and Dr. Vogt, whom the University of Toronto has honored.

Mr. Thomas is still entirely engaged in his profession, and some appreciation of his work and influence may be seen in the fact that during last season thirty-five of his pupils occupied positions as paid soloists in our leading City Churches.

Signed

Frederick B. Duff at D.D.

George Boyce D.D. LL.D.

Andrew B. Baird D.D.

A. Dawson - Jud. K.C. Judge C.C.

John A. Macleon - Pres. Univ. Toronto

Wallace Murray - Presbet. Univ. York.

Hugh A. Robson K.C. LL.D.

Charles Moss D.D. LL.D.

(That name filled in from original signature by D.B.)

Honorary Degrees -

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ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE
HEAD WELLESLEY PLACE

TORONTO, December 31, 1918.
CANADA

Sir Robert Falconer,
69 St. George Street,
Toronto.

Dear Sir :

I wish you a very happy New Year.

As the time will soon come when the Honorary Degrees of 1919 will be considered, I venture to suggest the name of Alexander Fraser, Archivist of Ontario, as one whose work and scholarship make him worthy to receive a Degree from the University.

Sincerely yours,

+ N. McNeil

Archbishop of Toronto.

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SAVOY HOTEL,
LONDON,
W.C.2.

Jan. 7. 19.

Sir Robt Falconer K.C.M.G. etc etc.
President - University of Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert.

With great pleasure I support the enclosed memorial in Griffith.

Mr. Rhys Thomas is a man of high character, and a sound musical scholar. His name will honor the Honor Roll of our Alumni.

With kind regards.

Charles W. Gordon

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University of Saskatchewan

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

January 7th, 1919.

Personal.

Dear President Falconer,

Your letter of January 2nd has been received.

It was very kind of you to send in my name, but unless the people here would prefer a change, I would prefer to stay. I am not sure whether they would prefer a change or not. If the question arises in a concrete form, I will make sure to that effect.

Word has come that Queen's is protesting to Ottawa against the establishment of a Central Institute for Research on the ground that the money could be distributed with better effect among the Universities. There was pretty strong feeling in their letters to Ottawa. I have not seen them, but I believe this is so.

Of Thomas I know this and this only. He stands very well among the musical men of Winnipeg, and has acted as judge on one or more occasions with us at a musical festival, and is greatly respected by the musical people in this province. Dr. Vogt would know of his actual work as a musician. I know very little about his technical proficiency. The letter was sent on from Winnipeg, and with Bryce's and Baird's and MacLean's names on it, I had very little hesitation in adding mine, becuase of my knowledge of the man and of his reputation among the musicians in the west. Of his technical qualifications I am not competent

to speak. Apparently success in musical composition is one of the requisites or distinguished success as a musician. I think Rhys Thomas is perhaps the oldest and best known, and probably the most respected of the musicians in Winnipeg, but Vogt knows him and could give a pretty correct estimation of his ability. I will, however, make further inquiries.

Jean had an attack of pleurisy following the appendicitis but is getting better, and we hope that she will be out of the hospital in two or three days. The rest are well.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. Murray

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 8th January 1919

Dear Sir Robert: University

I have a letter from Professor Lawson in which he expresses the hope that he may be here to receive his degree, but his health is so fragile that I think it is not likely. Has any arrangement been made to grant the degree in his absence?

Yours faithfully

B. E. Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

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University College, Toronto
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

Dear M. President, we have given I think three Schoolmasters Hon: Degrees Principals McMurchy, Strang & Macmillan. I think we might - with great propriety do the same for Mr Lyman Smith of Cornwall, formerly Principal of Brockville: he has well maintained the ancient alliance between classics & English & his English poems, which he has been one of the most devoted successful teachers of Classics

Yours
Maurice Hutton

I have also been asked to bring forward again the name of Brewster in Province of Saskatchewan. We ought to recognise him probably

stand-point, as official historiographer to the Dominion Government.

Dr. Severance, by a long series of historical publications dealing almost altogether with Canada and the Great Lakes, has done as much as any other living person to familiarize the people of the United States with the history of the discovery and exploration of Canada.

The time would seem to be specially appropriate for recognizing his work and services. His work shows extensive and careful research, sound judgment, and an attractive style of presentation, and as a man he possesses a fine personality.

I presume that under the regulations the meeting to-morrow is more for the purpose of receiving suggestions than of acting upon them,

OFFICE OF
Local Master of Titles
FOR COUNTY OF ELGIN

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St. Thomas, Jan 28. 1919

My Dear President,

I do not expect to be able to attend the meeting of the Committee on Honorary Degrees to-morrow. Would you under the circumstances be so good as to present on my behalf the names brought forward by me last year as suitable persons for the honorary LL.D. degree:

(1). Dr. Frank H. Severance Secretary of the Buffalo Historical Society, Editor of its numerous volumes of transactions and author of valuable historical works, all of which deal with the early history of Canada, and

(2) Lieut. Col. Wm. Wood D.C.L., F.R.S.C., of Quebec, whose historical and literary work is well-known to most Canadian readers, and who has been engaged for some time, as I understand, in preparing a history of the World War from the Canadian

and that there will be subsequent meetings for discussion and decision.

Would it be possible to have the later meetings held on days when the Senate is to meet? As the only out of town member, I feel some diffidence in offering the suggestion, and it may not suit the convenience of the other members. I merely throw out the suggestion, but do not presume to press it. In my own case it would enable me to get down to the meeting when otherwise it might not be so easy.

Yours Sincerely
James M. Coyne

Sir Robert A. Falconer
K.C.M.G. D.
President
University of Toronto

Mtg. of Com. on Honorary Degrees, (1) Jan. 29, 1919.

Present: Sir Edmund Walker, The President, Chancellor Wallace, Principal Hutton, Hon. Mr. Osler, Dean Baker, Mr. J.M. Clark, Principal Alexander, Mr. Justice McMurrich, Reg. MacMurrich, Dean Robertson, Dean Pakenham, Prof. J.H. Cameron

Prof. Alexander moves, Sir Edmund Walker seconding, it was decided to recommend to the Senate to pass a special statute conferring the degree of LL.D. upon Mr. J.D. Larkin, Buffalo, N.Y., in absentia.

Dr. J.H. Coyne submitted for consideration in connection with the Long degree of LL.D the names of Dr. Frank H. Severance and Principal Wallace;

Dr. F.N.G. Starr and Dr. Fitzpatrick the name of Dr. Michael Foster;

Archbishop McNeil the name of Dr. Alex. Francis, the Provincial Archivist;

Dean Baker, the name of Dr. Thornton, Minister of Education, Manitoba; of Archbishop McNeil;

Principal Hutton the names of Mr. Lyman Smith and Professor Coleman.

Wm. Houston of Toronto the name of Dr. Donald McGillivray of Chicago;

Judge J.D. Dawson and Dr. H.S. Strong the name of Mr. Gerard Bear.

Professor Shotwell submitted the name of President Hibben of Princeton; of President Falconer; the name of General Currie; of Dr. Alexander McPhedran;

Drs. Boyce, McLeary, Murray, Gordon, et al submitted for consideration in connection with the Long degree the name of Mrs. Dyce of Mrs. Rhys Thomas of Winnipeg.

President Coulson submitted for consideration
the name of Dr. J. W. Rutherford in
connection with the Honorary degree
of Dr. of Literary Service.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

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March 19th., 1919.

Dean Baker,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dean Baker:-

I beg to submit to you, as Convener of the Committee on Recommendations for the Honorary Degree of D.Sc., the name of Dr. Frank R. Lillie as a suitable person on whom the degree might be conferred.

Dr. Lillie is a graduate of this University, having received the degree of B.A., in 1891, with Honours in Natural Science. He then entered upon a course of graduate study at Clark University (1891-92), later transferring to the University of Chicago, from which institution he received the degree of Ph. D. in 1894.

On receiving his doctorate he was appointed Instructor in Zoology in the University of Michigan, resigning that position in 1899 to accept the Professorship of Biology in Vassar College. In 1900 he was recalled to the University of Chicago as Assistant Professor of Zoology and is still connected with that University as Professor of Embryology and Chairman of the Department of Zoology.

In 1900 he was also appointed Assistant Director of the Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl, Mass., and on the death of Professor Whitman in 1908 succeeded to the Directorship which he still holds. In the administration of this Laboratory, which more than any other has influenced and determined the development of Zoology on this Continent, Dr. Lillie has gained the confidence and support of Zoologists from all sections of the country and has been able to bring to actuality many of the ideals that were long ago formulated for a great Biological Station by his predecessor, Dr. Whitman. Dr. Lillie's success as the administrator of the most important Biological Station on the Continent is in itself sufficient reason for recognition from his Alma Mater.

His colleagues in Zoology have already testified to his abilities as a Zoologist by electing him to the Presidency of the American Society of Zoologists (1905-1908) and he is also Managing Editor of the Biological Bulletin and member of the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Morphology and the Journal of Experimental Zoology, the three most important periodicals devoted to Zoology on this Continent.

With all these activities Dr. Lillie has yet been able to combine a devotion to productive research and has contributed numerous papers to various Zoological periodicals, all these contributions being characterized by unusual thoroughness, a clearness of insight into the important problems of the moment and ingenuity in adapting methods of observation and experiment to their solution. Among the more important of his published papers are the following:-

On the Smallest Parts of *Stentor* capable of Regeneration; a contribution on the Limits of Divisibility of Living Matter.
Journal of Morph. XII, 1896
p.p. 239-249.

Notes on Regeneration and Regulation in Planarians.
Amer. Journal Physiol. VI, 1901, p.p. 129-141,
with 7 figs.

The Organization of the Egg of *Unio*, based on a Study of its Maturation, Fertilization and Cleavage -
Journal of Morph. XVII, 1901,
p.p. 227-292 with Pls. XXIV-XXVII.

Differentiation without Cleavage in the egg of the Annelid Chaetopterus Arch.
Entivicklungegesch. XIVm 1902,
p.p. 477-499 with Pls XXVII-XXVIII.

Experimental Studies on the Development of the Organs in the Embryo of the Fowl (Gallus domesticus) - Biolog. Bull V, 1903,
p.p. 92-124 with 18 figs, VII, 1904
p.p. 33-54 with 10 figs.

Observations and Experiments concerning the Elementary Phenomena of Embryonic Development in Chaetopterus - Journ. Exper. Zool. III,
1908. pp 153-268 with 78 figs.

The Development of the Chick. An Introduction to Embryology. N.Y. and London 1908. p.p. I-472
with 250 figs.

Polarity and Bilaterality of the Annelid Egg;
Experiments with Centrifugal Force.
Biological Bulletin XVI, 1909, pp 54-79, 9 figs.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

Karyokinetic Figures of Centrifuged Eggs; An Experimental Test of the Centre of Force Hypothesis - Biol. Bull XVII, 1909 pp 101-119 with 9 figs.

Studies on Fertilization in Nereis I and II - Journal. Morph. XXII, 1911, pp 361-393 with 10 figs.

III and IV. Journal Exper. Zool. XXII 1912 pp 413-477 with II Pls.

V - Journ. Exper. Zool. XIV, 1913 pp 515-571.

VI - Journ. Exper. Zool. XVI, 1914, pp 523-590.

Sperm Agglutination and Fertilization, Biol. Bull. XXVIII, 1915.

The Free-martin; a Study of the Action of sex hormones in the foetal life of cattle- Journ. Exper. Zool. XXIII, 1917.

Such a record, I think, is strong recommendation for consideration. Dr. Lillie has added materially to the appreciation in which our University is held abroad and the conferring of the degree of D. Sc upon him would be a graceful testimony of the University's appreciation of his work.

Yours truly,

J. Playfair McMurrich

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Univ. of Toronto
March 28th 1919

Sir Robert Falconer
President
Univ. of Toronto

Dear Sir Robert

I called a meeting of the representatives of the Scientific Departments, at which Profs. Coleman and McInnis attended. Both agreed that the name of Dr. Frank R. Lillie of Chicago should be brought before the Committee on Hon. Degrees. They think Dr. Lillie worthy of an Degree of D. Sc. I enclose Prof. McInnis's presentation of the case.

Sincerely yours

Richard Matthew

St. John Chrisostom;
St. Zozimus;
St. Regulus of Senlis.
Die Resurrectionis (30.iii.30.
30-iv-19.

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Dear Mr. President

I am in receipt of the notification of the Meeting of the Committee on Honorary Degrees called for tomorrow afternoon in the Croft Chapter House, but I regret that my "Ordo" being to read in Ottawa on Sunday the 31st inst. I shall be unable to be present.

Yours faithfully
& obediently
J. H. Cameron

The President,
The University.

University of Toronto
FACULTY OF EDUCATION

1919.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees met at 4 p.m. March 31,

Present: The President, Principal Hutton, Hon Mr. Osler, Dean Baker, Dean Ellis, Professor McMurrich, Alexander, Shaw, Robertson, Miller, DeLoque, Mr Geo Clark, Dean Parkin.

Names submitted at the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as submitted.

Dean Baker, reporting for the Sub-committee on the Honorary degree of D. Sc., recommended the granting of the degree to Dr. Frank T. Lillie.

Supplementary this report, Professor Miller submitted the names of Dr. S. B. Jeffery and Dr. R. R. Bensley.

Professor Alexander submitted the name of Principal T. A. Kirkconnell for the degree of L.L.D.

It was agreed to recommend to the Senate as follows:

1. That a Special Military Convocation be held later in the year, and that in connection therewith the degree of L.L.D. be now offered to General Sam. Arthur Currie.

2. That the degree of L.L.D. be conferred upon the following under the usual conditions:
Dr. A. McPherson, Rev. Dr. McGillivray, President Hibben, Dr. A. Fraser, Mr. T. A. Kirkconnell.

3. That the degree of D. Sc. be conferred upon the following under the usual conditions: Dr. Frank T. Lillie, Dr. S. B. Jeffery, Dr. R. R. Bensley.

4. That the degree of Doctor of Science be conferred upon Dr. J. G. Rutherford under the usual conditions.

to the Senate of the University of Toronto.

Two meetings of the Committee on Honorary Degrees have been held, one on January 29th, 1919, and the second on March 31st, 1919. At both meetings more members were present than constitute a quorum.

A large number of names were submitted as suitable recipients for the various honorary degrees. After full consideration it was agreed to recommend to the Senate:

That a special Convocation be held at a convenient time, later than the Commencement in June, for the purpose of conferring honorary degrees upon representatives of the military and naval services who were engaged in the last war.

That in the meantime the degree of Doctor of Laws be offered to Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., and that public announcement be made of the offer, the degree to be conferred if possible at the special military convocation.

That honorary degrees be offered the following gentlemen to be conferred at the regular Commencement in June:

The degree of Doctor of Laws:

(1) Alexander Fraser, Esq., Archivist of the Province of Ontario, in recognition of his work as a Celtic scholar.

(2) John Grier Hibben, President of Princeton University, in recognition of his distinguished work as a scholar, administrator, and outstanding leader in American opinion, especially during the recent war.

(3) T.E. Kirkconnell, Esq., M.A., (Queen's) Principal of the Collegiate Institute, Lindsay, in recognition of his long and

valuable services in the schools of this province.

(4) Rev. Donald MacGillivray, Shanghai, a distinguished graduate of this University, in recognition of the work that he has performed in interpreting Western civilization to the Chinese people through translations.

(5) Dr. Alexander Sakhedran in recognition of the long and highly distinguished services that he has rendered to this University in the chair of Medicine.

That the degree of Doctor of Science be conferred upon the following graduates of the University of Toronto:

Dr. A. A. Bensley of the University of Chicago in recognition of his scientific work in Anatomy.

Dr. E. C. Jeffrey of Harvard University in recognition of his work in Botany.

Dr. F. R. Lillie of the University of Chicago in recognition of his work in Zoology.

That the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science be conferred upon Dr. J. H. Rutherford, C.B.E., in recognition of the great service that he has rendered to this country in connection with the development of the live stock and agricultural industries.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
PALMAM NON SINE PULVERE
1841
GODERICH.

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July 2nd, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President University of Toronto,

Dear President Falconer,

I received a letter this morning from my esteemed friend and ex-pupil, Judge Denison of Kamloops, B.C., enclosing a letter to you, which he asked me to read, and if I agreed with it, forward to you. I have read it carefully, and heartily agree with all that Judge Denison has said regarding the worth of the gallant and appropriateness of honouring him at the present time. So far as I know nothing has been said of this in the papers to date, but I am sure that he and his many friends would greatly appreciate such an honour. I am therefore especially glad to hear that the University purpose to pay the same honour to my first University pupil that is generously bestowed on the.

Strongly endorsing all that Judge Denison has said in support of his request, and trusting that you may see your way to recommend to the Senate the granting of the honour, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Hugh L. Strang

Honorary degrees

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 11th October 1918

Dear Sir Robert :

University of Toronto

Referring to our conversation yesterday, I ventured to remind you that the health of Mr John D. Lawson is now so precarious that it is extremely improbable that he will ever be able to come to Canada in order to receive the honorary degree which the University conferred upon him. As he is a Canadian by birth and received his education here, he is, I know, extremely anxious that this honour should be added to others which have come to him during his long and eminent career as a lawyer. I hope it may be possible for the Senate to consent to granting the degree in absentia.

Yours faithfully

M. H. Gaudhue

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

502 Devon Court
Broadway
Winnipeg
Man
Oct. 29th 1918.

Sir R. A. Falconer
Toronto

My dear Sir.

The Enclosed document speaks for itself. As I am leaving for a six months stay in Victoria, B.C. (I have not domiciled Winnipeg yet), I have asked Rev. James our Moderator here & a graduate of Manitoba Universities to forward them to you. Most of the signatures are from men who graduated in Toronto. We all remember our Alma Mater with great affection. I hope you may see your way to grant the request of the petition as we feel it to be eminently desired.

Yours Truly
George Bryce

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France, Nov. 10. 18

My Dear Sir Robert,

Upon two occasions I made an effort to find you in London at the Royal Society Club but failed owing to a more than stupid Hall Porter.

I am thoroughly enjoying the work over here and certainly shall not regret having run off with my when the opportunity offered. I don't know whether you are aware of it but one of my chief jobs is to endeavour to demonstrate to the R.A.M.C. that all Canadians are not like a certain person who some time since created a stir and a good deal of unrest in the C.A.M.C.

In my wanderings about the various Hospitals I have run across Dr. (Major) Michael Foster. He is now head of the Medical division in the

Cambridge unit. He is a son, now about 55 years of age, of the late famous Physiologist - Michael Foster who was professor at Cambridge. He is Physician to the Princess Christian & a number of other Royalties. In the Lancet of Nov. 2. 18 is an article on the prevention of the Spread of Influenza. The Lancet refers to it Editorially not only in that issue but also in the issue of the 9th. What I am coming at, no doubt you have already guessed, is that his name would be an excellent one to suggest to the Committee on Honorary Degrees for the next Convocation. With all his other qualities he is a type of the charming English gentleman.

Today the atmosphere in this area is very tense. We have already heard of the abdication of the Kaiser and little wars and are anxiously

awaiting the events of the next few hours. The poor chaps in the Hospitals, slightly wounded, are anxious to know "will it be Blighty or will it be back to the front;" While the badly wounded want to know if the Doctors will remain while they are able to be sent home safely. Peace or war means so much to every one - that it is hard to realize the pent up feelings that surge through the breast even of the bravest.

I hope this will find you and yours in the best of good health & not victims of this horrible flu. I have just heard that Harvey Cushing of Boston is very ill.

With Kind Regards & your Yours

Yours Faithfully

O. V. C. Lane

To
B.K. of Manchester
24 Cockspur St.
London
S.W.1.

Honorary Degrees

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France, Dec. 16. 18.

My Dear Sir Robert,

Thank you so much for your letter of Nov. 29th. I am glad to know there is a large class and I for one shall be glad to return for duty at an early date, now that the fighting is over. Fortunately my job keeps me on the jump from daylight till well after dark or I should find it irksome.

When I first came over I was at the Base for a time and then was sent up the line on the heels of the advancing army. I had the good fortune to see Arras, St. Omer, Hazebrouck, Douai, Montigny, Lens, Loos, - now just a rubbish heap, La Bassee, Vimy, Lille, and I am now besides many other points of interest. Our friend H.A.B. has left for Home and I was much amused at the D.S.'s account of his hurried departure - but as Kipling says "That's another story". I am again at the Boulogne Base and rather thankful after all the mud & rain up the line. The rain is just as bad but the mud, though slippery, is not as deep!

Referring again to St. Michael Foster - I should have told you he is joint author with Sir Rall Parkin on Cerebro-Spinal Fever.

and is very highly thought of both in his professional capacity at Home and in the Temporary army.

Personally I am glad I joined the R.A.M.C. for it gives one an additional view point and alleviates the jealousy that might otherwise ~~would~~ have ensued had I accepted General Foster's offer & became Consultant to the Canadians.

Armistice day and night was a wonderful time out here and yet there was an undercurrent of regret that our men did not have another week of fighting - as one old Col. of Cavalry said "It was most disappointing when we got orders to 'cease fire' for we had "Jerry" in the tightest hole he was ever in - a few more days and he would be smashed & beaten". Well it is over and even those few days more would have meant more maimed & crippled and it is well - The wounds have been horrible and I trust War is over for all time.

With kindest regards

Yours Faithfully

O. N. S. Slaw

Honorary Degrees.

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128 Spadina Rd.
Toronto.
18th Dec. 1918.

Dear Sir Robert,

Shall I be violating the rules if I suggest a name for LL.D.? — Col. Fraser, the Archivist. We had various degrees pressing on him, like Brunel sprouts! But Toronto has not yet honoured him. I do think he is worthy. Of that you can judge better than I. But he

is a man of culture, an undoubted authority in his own line, & a public spirited citizen with high ideals & a broad outlook. I think that the honour will be appreciated by his many friends, & by the public.

Pardon me, if I am out of order. I am not an intimate friend of his, & I may be low nothing to do with my writing.

Very truly Yours

T. B. Kilpatrick

MINISTER: REV. J. PHILLIPS JONES, M.A. PHONE ST. JOHN 919 RESIDENCE: 114 BANNERMAN AVE.

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St. John's Presbyterian Church

CATHEDRAL AVENUE AND CHARLES STREET

Winnipeg, Dec. 19. 1918.

Sir Robert A. Falconer. K.C.M.G.
Toronto.

Dear Sir, Prior to his going to Victoria B.C. for the winter, Rev. Dr. Boyce left the enclosed document with me to forward to You. He had obtained all the signatures attached to the document, but wished me to get that of Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon. Who, Dr. Boyce said would be glad to attach his also, as he knew Mr. Moore quite well. Dr. Gordon was away from the city at the time on military duties. To today I heard he would be back for three months as he has just left New York for England. So his signature could be obtained. Hence the delay in sending the document to You. Dr. Boyce in a letter to You which I enclose, explains the nature of the document. I simply write to explain the cause of the delay.

Yours Sincerely.

J. Phillips Jones

MINISTER: REV. J. PHILLIPS JONES, M. A. PHONE ST. JOHN 919 RESIDENCE: 114 BANNERMAN AVE.

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St. John's Presbyterian Church

CATHEDRAL AVENUE AND CHARLES STREET

Winnipeg, Dec. 19th 1918.

Dear Dr. Gordon, Prior to his leaving Winnipeg to spend the winter in Victoria B.C., Dr. Bryce left a document (a copy of which you will find enclosed), with me to forward to Toronto. But I was to approach you with a view to getting your signature as he felt that would carry great weight with your 'Alma Mater'. I have waited two months as Mrs Gordon said you might be home any time, but today I find from her that you are bound for England. So to get your signature is not possible.

The names attached to the document ~~are~~ I have written in, in the copy I am sending you. The signatures of the gentlemen were obtained for the original by Dr. Bryce. I am wondering if you would kindly write a letter instead to Sir R. A. Falconer. That would be even stronger than your signature, and I assure you, personally I would greatly appreciate this. Thanking you in anticipation, & wishing you the Season's greetings

Yours with Kind Regards

J. Phillips Jones.

P.S. I am sending on the document to Toronto in a few days. J.P.J.

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115 (Home address) Kamloops B.C.

~~Vernon B.C.~~ June 26 1918

Hon. Sir Robert Falconer K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto

My dear Sir Robert Falconer,

I take the liberty as an alumnus of Toronto University (of class 1889, Honour Classics) of writing you suggesting to you the granting "honoris causa" the degree of L.L.D. to Rev Dr Donald McGillivray

of Shanghai, China,
now on furlough in Canada.
Dr McGillivray is a
distinguished Graduate
of Toronto University 1882
(Gold Medallist in
Classics), and for the
last 30 years has
occupied a distinguished
place in the religious
and educational world
of China. He has been
connected during a large
part of the above time
with the Christian Literature

Society of Shanghai. He is one of the most distinguished & learned authorities on the Chinese language today in the world. I understand he is the author of a well-known English-Chinese lexicon. He was recently a candidate for election to the moderatorship of the General Assembly of the Pres. Church in Canada

and whilst not elected to
that high and honourable
position received a
very large vote indeed.
He is a man of rare
scholarship, of most
winsome personality,
a type of the highest
product of our Canadian
Christian Culture and
Civilization — In
honouring a man of
such distinction
the University would
be honouring itself

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The war is linking
up the "Far East"
with the Occident in
such a way as has
never been known
before in the history of
the world. — China
is our ally. — Her
assistance with
her 150,000 splendid
men of her labour
battalions, ~~the~~ types
of her finest manhood,
is of enormous value
to the allied cause in France

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The war has made neighbours of us all. One of the supreme objects of the war is to create an atmosphere of real world neighborliness - "Sittlichkeit" - ("not "Schrecklichkeit" (the grubble Hun calls it - with thanks to Lord Haldane for his interpretation of this term - in the pre-war days) -

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In honouring Dr McGillivray the University would be honouring China, whose teeming millions both Dr & Mrs McGillivray have consecrated their lives in the altruistic task of uplifting & ennobling.

All of which I to submit respectfully beg to for the consideration of yourself & the Senate

Yours faithfully

John D. Swanson

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P. S.

I am writing this letter when on circuit duty, as Judge of the County Court of this County. My home address is: Kamloops B. C.

JOHN D. LAWSON, LL. D.
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

May 5- I8.

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Dear Sir Edmund,

I returned three weeks ago from Floridawhere I spent the winter on the advice of my physician. I came back much benefited by the change, but he does not wish me to leave here again until June when I expect to go to the Atlantic Coast stopping on the way in Toronto to see again my friends there. The sea coast does me much good and I am thinking of removing permanantly to some south Atlantic coast town.

I retired from the University a year ago on the Carnegie Foundation and at the same time gave up the editorship of the American Law Review. Iam still editing my most ambitious work American State Trials ,and this gives me just enough to keep me contented and it is a kind of work that I can keep up away from home.

On account of the loss of my voice I can do no more public speaking but I keep my pen busy in the cause of our Holy War. You should see the change in the sentiment on the war question in the West. It is wonderful. This immense territory which a year ago was careless and apathetic is now enthusiastic and solid for a fight to the finish, to the last man and the last dollar. It took us a long time to wake up but the Giant is aroused now and mad in addition. And our Army is going to be a splendid one, the cleanest and the most intelligent I think that the world has ever seen. WE are going to fight not only to crush Germany but to win a good name and to have the world foget and forgive the years that we stood by making money and letting England and France bleed for us. We are ashamed of that now, I can assure you.

I regret that I ~~will~~ shall not be able to reach Toronto in time for the University Convocation. I rejoice to see that you are to con-

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~~ing under with the danger~~

fer the Honorary degree upon Mr. Root. I have had the honor of his acquaintance for many years, have been associated with him in the International Law Association and had the pleasure several time of appearing before him when he was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I have always regarded him as one of the half dozen of our Greatest Statesmen and Public men.

This leads me to ask you if it will be possible for the University to grant me my degree in absentia. I see little chance of my being able to be present at the time of your Convocations. You made this suggestion once though you said that there were some special steps that would have to be taken. If it is ever done, my case I think furnishes an abundant ground. The act of God is in law usually an excuse for non performance of any condition, and the continued ill health that I am lab-

oring under with the danger to me as my physician tells me of any undue excitement or exertion, might if it ~~was~~ were explained to the Senate induce it to waive this requirement in my case. I write to you in this matter instead of to President Falconer, as you are one of my oldest friends and the one to whom I think I owe the suggestion of the distinguished honor which I shall appreciate so much and which I would not willingly lose.

I hope you keep in good health. These must be specially trying times for you with your great Fanancial responsibilities.

With kindest regards to yourself and your wife,

Yours most sincerely,

John S. Lamar

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1004, WEST END TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

April 8, 1918.

My dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

My experience of 12 years (1890-1902) as an Overseer of Harvard leads me to think that I may with propriety make a suggestion to you as to an honorary degree. Before writing you, I thought it better to write to my old friend Mr. Lash. He replies that I may properly write you.

Owen Wister's "Pentecost of Calamity" played a really important part in the beginning of the war. A clever writer, in the February "Atlantic Monthly" - a clergyman - thinks that the church, barring Cardinal Mercier, has not done its part in leading and arousing public sentiment. His title is his text: "And Peter sat by the Fire Warming Himself". But there are, he said, some writers who have played a great part. He mentions Owen Wister and James M. Beck among six or eight, and I have thought very justly.

In the promotion of cordial feeling between your country and mine, you might feel that a degree conferred by Toronto on Wister would help.

Wister graduated at Harvard in 1882, and from the Harvard Law School in 1888. He soon, however, gave up the law for literature. The University of Pennsylvania conferred an LL. D. on him in 1907 when he delivered his address of Washington, your predecessor in that honorable duty. I think there have been one or two other degrees. For the last six years he has been an Overseer of Harvard. Doubtless you are familiar with "The Virginian" and his "Lady Baltimore". His short life of General Grant was an

admirable instance of what literary training and imagination can produce when applied to Biography.

But he is more than a mere writer. He is a Man of Letters. And my years of close association with him have disclosed to me a character of the highest value in both public and private life.

Of course this suggestion is one which no one will ever hear of from me whether it bears fruit or not.

Sincerely hoping that I do not overstep what is fitting,

I am etc.,

Yours very sincerely,

Francis Rawle

Sir Robert Falconer.

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G.C.CREELMAN, B.S.A.,LL.D.,
PRESIDENT

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Guelph, Canada, April 5th, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My Dear Sir Robert,-

In reply to yours of April 4th would say that Dr. Rutherford is now a member of the Dominion Railway Commission at Ottawa. This is another indication of his unusual ability.

If you will just address him C/O Railway Commission, he will get it promptly.

Yours very truly,

G C Creelman

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Toronto, March 27th, 1918.

My dear Sir Robert:-

I desire to nominate for the honorary degree of D. V. S. Dr. J. G. Rutherford C. M. G. at the present time in charge of the Natural Resources Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. For a number of years Dr. Rutherford was Veterinary Director General of the Dominion of Canada. Dr. Rutherford is a University man, a fine scholarly gentleman, an acknowledged authority on Veterinary Science throughout the United States as well as Canada, and at the present moment is President of the great Livestock Associations of Western Canada. He is a prominent figure in the agricultural world.

Trusting that you will bring this matter before the committee at the proper time, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

G. C. Creelman.

Commissioner.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Edward Chas. Jeffrey, B.A.(Tor.), Ph.D.(Harv.), Fellow American Academy [redacted], Professor of Plant Morphology, Harvard University.

In AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE Dr. Jeffrey's name appears with an asterisk before it, denoting that he is one of the 1000 most distinguished American men of Science.

He was born May 21st., 1866, at St. Catharines, Ont. After his preliminary training in elementary and high school work, he came to Toronto University, graduating from here in 1888 ~~with~~ first class honours in Moderns. The year after graduation he spent in Biology with Professor R. Ramsay Wright, afterwards being appointed Fellow and then Lecturer - a position which he held until 1902, when Harvard secured him as Assistant Professor of Vegetable Histology and General Morphology. This led to his appointment as full Professor in 1907.

Dr. Jeffrey's first publication appeared in 1895 - Polyembryony in Erythronium Americanum - from which time onwards have come a continuous series of contributions. The complete paper on Gametophyte of Botrychium Virginianum appeared in 1898, a preliminary article having been put in the Annals of Botany in 1897 at the suggestion of the eminent paleobotanist, Dr. D. H. Scott, F.R.S., who from the beginning of Jeffrey's career took a keen interest in his work. The paper on Botrychium not only won for Dr. Jeffrey a place among botanists, but proved him a master of difficult technique, to which not only this but much of his later success is due. This article was accorded by Professor R. Ramsay Wright the inaugural position in the Biological Series of the University of Toronto Studies.

Dr. Jeffrey's first work on plant anatomy , in which subject he stands today without peer not only as an investigator but as a stimulating influence, was on the genus Equisetum, published just twenty years ago in the Memoirs of the Boston Society of Natural History. This was followed a year later by the"Morphology of the Central Cylinder in the Angiosperms" which marks the starting point of his studies on Comparative Anatomy - studies which have been pursued not only in the living but also in the fossil forms.

In the latter field,Jeffrey's "Studies of Cretaceous Coniferous Remains" published in association with Dr. Arthur Hollick as a Memoir of the New York Botanic Garden in 1909 indicate his outstanding position as a plant palaeontologist, and that in the difficult field of anatomical structure.

Dr. J. M. Coulter, head of the Department of Botany of Chicago University and Editor of the Botanical Gazette, early recognized Dr. Jeffrey's work and got him to contribute a chapter on Anatomy in Coulter's well-known text-book on the Morphology of Seed Plants.

After many urgent requests, Dr. Jeffrey in 1917 put the results of his studies on plant anatomy into book form - "The Anatomy of Woody Plants" (Univ. of Chicago Press). This work is the first Comparative Anatomy since the epoch making work of De Bary on the "Comparative Anatomy of Phanerogams and Ferns" of the middle of the last century, and is a worthy modern successor of that great work. It combines the work of Jeffrey and his numerous students into one volume, and gives in a concise and splendidly illustrated form (over 300 ~~most~~ specially prepared illustrations) the ideas of the 'founder of the Harvard School of Anatomy' - a title which Dr. Jeffrey has earned for himself among the botanists of the world.

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STATUTE NUMBER 808

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Respecting the Committee on Honorary Degrees

BY THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO:

Be it enacted:

That Statute Number 577, entitled "The Consolidated Statutes of the University of Toronto, Part I, Revision of 1907" be amended as follows:-

By substituting for sections 74-79, both inclusive, and all subsequent amendments thereto (see Statutes Numbers 616, 662, 693, 711 and 719) the following:-

(1) The Standing Committee on Honorary Degrees shall consist of the Chancellor, the President, the Deans of the Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Applied Science and Engineering and twenty (20) elective members, and ten members shall form a quorum.

(2) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Senate of names of those upon whom it may be thought fitting to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, of Doctor of Science, or any other honorary degree established by the Senate.

(3) The regular meeting of the Committee for the consideration of the names of persons on whom honorary degrees are to be conferred at Commencement shall be held not less than six weeks before the April Meeting of Senate, when the Committee will submit its report, but this will not prevent the holding of meetings as occasion may require.

(4) Before submitting an recommendation for the Degree of Doctor of Science the Committee shall endeavour to ascertain the opinions of representative Scientific men through the Deans of Faculties who are members of the Committee.

(5) No recommendation shall be made by the Committee as aforesaid unless the report containing the same shall have been approved and signed by at least fifteen members of the Committee, and without such recommendation no name shall be considered at any meeting of the Senate.

(6) The said degrees or any of them shall be conferred only by the authority of a resolution of the Senate passed by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of those present at a meeting, and of this meeting seven day's notice shall be given

(7) The notice required by the preceding section shall be deemed to be given when it is deposited in a post office in Toronto.

(8) Unless by Special Statute of the Senate a degree honoris causa shall in no case be conferred in absentia.

(9) The minutes shall record so much only of such recommendations as the Senate adopts.

Countersigned:
James Brebner
Registrar.

Robt. A. Falconer
President.

University of Toronto
February 8th, 1918.

COPY

Memorandum re Dr. Alexander Fraser.

Ontario Archivist.

Was selected to organize the Bureau of Archives of Ontario and was appointed Provincial Archivist (the only occupant of the position thus far) in 1903 - fifteen years ago. The plan of work laid out by him shows a thorough understanding and scientific appreciation of the functions that ought to be discharged by such an office, and of its scope.

The annual reports from 1903 to 1918 are evidence of industry, accuracy and an extensive knowledge of historical sources and of ripe scholarship.

The volume for 1903 contains a model based on scientific methods for the history of a township, which has been followed by local historians.

The volume for 1904, contains a concise but singularly complete account of the services of the United Empire Loyalists and of their settlement in Canada; and the evidence in connection with their claims for compensation for losses in the Revolutionary War. It is out of print and commands a high price in the market.

The volume for 1905 deals with the settlement of Upper Canada, containing official documents and a valuable essay on the Seignorial tenure in Lower Canada. This volume stood the test of the keenest scrutiny by trained jurists and was pronounced by the late Chancellor

Boyd as the most valuable contribution to the sources of the history of Upper Canada which had appeared up to the time of its publication and only equalled by subsequent volumes.

This was the verdict of a competent critic, for Sir John Boyd was not only a great Judge, but an accomplished scholar and historian.

A number of these volumes deal with the records of Legislation and of the courts in the early years of Upper Canada, and others on such subjects as Indian Archaeology, history and travel, all important and valuable volumes, fifteen in all, which have been recognized outside of Ontario as important contributions to history.

His useful services to education include those rendered as trustee on the Collegiate Institute Board of Toronto for fourteen years.

His editorial work, outside the sphere of daily journalism, in which he was engaged for fifteen years, includes,- Editor of Massey's Magazine, The Presbyterian Review, The Scottish Canadian (21 years) Fraser's Scottish Magazine (five years).

Among other books he has written,- Illustrated History of Toronto in twelve parts, large qto; History of Toronto, one volume; History of Ontario; Historical Sketches of Upper Canada; The Last Laird of Macnab; History of the Forty-Eighth Highlanders of Toronto; The Highland Regiments, 1760-1860; History of the Scottish Universities; The Anglo-Saxon Village; Tribal Organization in Ancient Wales; The Brehon Laws (six lectures);Hebridean

Agrestic Customs; The Brock Centenary, 1912; Bi-Lingual Teaching in Highland Schools; Ballads and Songs of Scotland.

He is a recognized Gaelic Scholar and since the death of the late Dr. Macnish, of Cornwall, Ont., has in this special field no equal on this continent, unless Dr. Dunn, Professor of Keltic at Washington, and Dr. Robinson Professor of Keltic at Harvard. Among other works published by him in Gaelic are,- Elementary Lessons in Gaelic Grammar- Leabhar nan Sonn (Essays, Critical and Literary) - Canain Agus Cliu ar Sinnsear - Gearr Sgeoilair Sir Uilleam Ros - Machraichean Mora Chanada - An Gaidheal Ann an Chanada - Linn an Aigh; Ossian is Mae Mhaighotir Alasdair.

An appreciation of his Keltic studies from the pen of the late Honourable Mr. Justice Maclennan, Toronto, published in the old country in 1910, brought him the honour of Fellowship (Class 1) of the Scottish Society of Antiquaries, Edinburgh, one of the best known and oldest learned societies in Europe.

He has lectured and written in English on Keltic language, Literature and History; on the influence of Gaelic Poetry on English Poetry; on Loan words from French and Latin to Gaelic, and from Gaelic to Lowland Scots and English; on Place Names in Scotland; on British Place Names in Ontario and their meaning; on the Keltic Church; on the Ultonian Hero Ballads; the Gaelic Folk Songs of Canada.

He has contributed much to learned societies, chiefly on Keltic and Historical subjects, and has been unusually active in sane public movements having the education and betterment of the people for their object.

Mr. Rhys Thomas is one of the best known and successful teachers of music in Winnipeg. He is modest and unassuming and for this reason there are other musicians in the city whose names may be better known to the general public. He is a sound, conscientious, all-round musician, though he has specialised in teaching singing and training and conducting choirs. He is well-educated and talks well: this is more than can be said for the majority of professional musicians in this part of the world. His interests are wide, and are extended to the most modern music.

Mr. Thomas has recently been elected Vice-President of a select club of musicians in Winnipeg, to which the writer belongs as an honorary member.

Mr. Thomas hails from Cardiff where he studied music in the University College of S. Wales (University of Wales) His knowledge of harmony and composition appears to be extensive and sound, and his compositions I am told are pleasing and scholarly. He has certainly read widely in musical literature.

He has frequently been appointed Judge at Musical festivals and Eisteddfods when he has acted in conjunction with many musicians.

Note
1. The opinion of the writer
There is no musician in Winnipeg who is so deserving of an honorary degree as Mr. Rhys Thomas.

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To Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, D.Litt., L.L.D. K.C.M.G.
President of University of Toronto,
T O R O N T O.

We, the undersigned, including a number of former Alumni of Toronto University, respectfully request you to bring our petition before the proper authorities of our "Alma Mater" to deal with an application of some importance as affecting Winnipeg and Western Canada.

The University of Toronto is one of the universities in Canada which confers the degree of Doctor of Music.

We present the claim for recognition for such degree of Mr. Rhys Thomas, a well known musical leader in Winnipeg.

Mr. Thomas was born at Ystradgynlais, Wales, on February 21st., 1867, and in childhood displayed considerable musical talent. At the age of Eighteen he was appointed choirmaster of Sardis Chapel, his mother church. A year later he won a scholarship at the Tonic Solfa College, London, where he studied singing, harmony, counterpoint, composition, elocution, acoustics, choral conducting and the art of teaching, gaining the highest certificates in these subjects, and prizes in ear training and sight singing. At the end of his course he obtained the Fellowship, the highest diploma of the college. At this time he was only twenty-two years of age, the youngest who had obtained that distinction at that time. Later he studied composition for two years at the University College of Wales, Cardiff, under Dr. Joseph Parry.

On returning to his native town, where he was re-engaged as choirmaster of his mother church, he was also appointed teacher of music under the Glamorgan County Council, and his services as musical adjudicator at "eisteddfodau" (competition festivals) and conductor of psalmody festivals were in frequent demand throughout the Principality. During this period he won a large number of prizes for composition in various forms, including the prize for a memorial anthem at Cardiff National Eisteddfod in 1899. From 1897 to 1901 his name appeared frequently as co-adjudicator with such musicians as Sir Hubert Parry, Signor Alberto Randegger, Dr. David Evans, &c., and later with Dr. C. H. Perrin of Montreal, and Dr. A. Vogt, of Toronto.

Mr. Thomas, while on a visit to Winnipeg in the summer of 1900, was appointed to the leadership of the Choir of Knox Church, the mother Presbyterian Church of the City. This position he held for sixteen years. Soon after his arrival he established an oratorio society, which gave performances of the "Messiah" (six times) "Creation" "Judas Maccabaeus" "Samson", "Hymn of Praise", "Elijah", and "The Death of Minnehaha", and was the conductor of the local organization when Sir Alexander MacKenzie conducted a series of festivals in the Dominion in 1906.

On December 31st, 1900, and January 1st., 1901, Mr. Thomas acted as chief adjudicator at the Bi-century Eisteddfod, at Columbus, Ohio. In 1907 he was engaged as co-adjudicator with Sir Frederic Cowen, and Dr. Walford Davies, at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, at Swansea.

In 1910 Mr. Thomas went to England for a course of special study in singing under Albert Visetti, the senior professor at the Royal College of Music, London, and in 1912 took a four months course in Berlin, Germany. During these periods his position as choirmaster at Knox Church was retained for him.

When the Province of Alberta established an Annual Competition Festival in 1906, Mr. Thomas was engaged as adjudicator, a position he has occupied on five subsequent occasions. He has also acted in a similar capacity three times at the Saskatchewan Festival.

In 1916 Mr. Thomas, by request, assisted in the revising of the new Book of Praise.

It is the opinion of the subscribers that the gentleman whose name is proposed may well stand beside such musical leaders as Dr. Fisher, Dr. Torrington, and Dr. Vogt, whom the University of Toronto has honored.

Mr. Thomas is still entirely engaged in his profession, and some appreciation of his work and influence may be seen in the fact that during last season thirty-five of his pupils occupied positions as paid soloists in our leading City Churches.

Signed

Frederic B Duval D.D.
George Bryce DD., LL.D.
Andrew B Baird DD.
A. Dawson MA Judge CC
James A McLean Pres' Univ of Manc
Walter Murray Pres. Univ of Sask.
N.A. Robson (KC: LL.D. Manc)

Mr President:

I enclose a copy of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

W. Bankhead

[Photo by H. A. Chapman, Swansea.

Mr. RHYS THOMAS.

Petition

to

Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, D.,Litt., L.L.D. K.C.M.G.

President of University of Toronto,

for the conferring of the Degree of

Doctor of Music

on

Mr. Rhys Thomas,

Winnipeg,

Supported by -

Frederic B. Du Val, D.D. Pastor Emeritus,
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Court of Appeal, Winnipeg.

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